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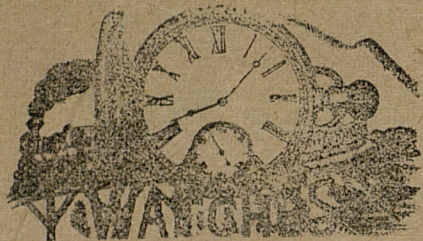
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**"THE WREATH IS FOR THOSE WHO
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(Written for the 22nd of Feb., 1892.)

Oftentimes the better nature of a student arrests him, and casting aside his idle thoughts of pleasure, which from experience we know have a tendency to crowd out lessons, and useful tastes, *he resolves* to entertain in his undeveloped mind something more earnest, noble and good. Various thoughts occur to us of things past, present and to come; we can not evade them for this is beyond our power. However, as they rush in one by one, each intruding upon the other, we pluck from them that which seems to be the most striking of all; inviting by our power of will the one and rejecting the other.

Perhaps this was my state of mind when the forcible fact occurred to me that every living creature on the earth, not a tiny unicellular animalcule to mighty man was and is a contender; each one challenging the other in their battle of their existence from their creation to their end.

These seemingly insignificant beings, of course, have no idea of a sense of right and wrong in this struggle. There is simply imbued into them by nature a feeling of contention.

But when we come to man we find spread out before us over endless space, a profound study. As human beings endowed with a wonderful faculty of reasoning we are enabled to discriminate between right and wrong; and though this faculty does not always occupy that high plane to which it is destined, yet it is an inheritance, expands, and is cultivated even from our cradle. Indeed, has nature given us these faculties of the will and judgment that we may improve our social and moral state; playing our part and doing our duty well by their acknowledgment and close observance.

Thus it shall be my attempt this evening to show what relations this passion of contention bears to man in some of the works of life.

It exists in different forms, making its way instinctively into every soul from the most humble to the most elevated. Show me the child, school-boy or man who is not impregnated with

that congenial thought of something higher, and higher. Yes, the weary laborer—his breast is filled with thirst for glory, his imaginations are inflamed,—what sacrifices would he not make to obtain distinction! As each night, care-worn and disappointed he trudges along the well-known path to his humble cottage. The "little wee-things" greet him with their smiles of fondest affection. Yet his heart is heavy, for he cannot see them rise to that plane upon which they may command the respect and admiration of this or that neighbor. Night rolls around and he retires to his humble cot, soon to be off to dreamland, where glorious delusions meet his eyes. He thinks he has sown the seed and is about to reap the harvest. But on awaking he finds it was merely vain delusion. None the less disappointed he arises refreshed and

determined with his noble spirit and powerful hands to prosper by manual labor ascending step by step. Perhaps he was imbued with that sentiment which prompted that noble Englishman Lord Chatham, to say: "Every man's house is his own castle,—even though it be but a thread-thatched shed. The rains of heaven may drench it, the winds of heaven may pierce it, but the king of England can not enter it!"

Next we come to that kind of contention in which is implied distinction. Though it is attained only by a few, yet its seductive thoughts are ever overflowing our minds. There is a feeling within our breast that arouses the mind and soul to a point of contention. Let our hopes be blighted if they will, let us be wrapt in shrouds of disappointments, yet that point is our aim. It is true, often we may aim too high, too often true we may aim too low, yet if we rightly consult our inborn aptitude which is a part of all mankind, we will find our calling.

It is not for us to seek out from the earth the lettered stones that mark the ancients graves, for they are but the illusions of antiquity; it is not for us to disclose the mummies which lie hidden in some cavernous places of earth, for they are but the representations of false Gods. But certainly it is for us to increase our knowledge of worldly things

by labor and study—thereby teaching a contending nation—devote, expand and consecrate ourselves to the holy work of their improvement. If we can not do what the world calls great, do a small thing well, and it may prove great—for it has been said, "The dew-drop falling into the sea may seem lost, but received into a shell may grow into a pearl of marvelous beauty."

Then whatever may be our calling or profession—be it that of a mechanic, farmer or lawyer—it is for us to awaken the spirit of progression as yet so latent within us—be a workman that "needeth not to be ashamed." Persevere now—lest the sun that shines with us in childhood, may in after years fade away, as do those summer clouds mustered around the throne of the Almighty.

Man, in God's own image, was not placed upon the earth to serve higher earthly beings, but to be the highest of them all—not merely an intermediate creature, but king of every fish of the waters, fowl of the air, animal of the land—king of them all, and stored away in that eternal Paradise above is a laurel for the righteous contender, who has created within him that noble passion, the love of fame given us to be used aright.

As in the cultivation of most all the good quality is best to begin in youth. Then are we warned by our indulgent mother and father of the fruits of a neglected childhood—they tell us to win the wreath by a moral and not a physical battle. These premonitions are the outpourings of a loving parent—warning the child "whose voice first lisps to-day, before that voice shall whisper sedition in secret." Horace Mann says "Remember the little one whose hand to-day first lifts its tiny bauble, before that hand shall scatter fire-brands, arrows, and death. Remember those sportive groups in whose halcyon bosom there sleeps an ocean, as yet scarcely ruffled by the passions which soon shall heave it with a tempest's strength. Remember ye old and experienced that whatever station in life you may fill, it is at last your duty to admonish the young." These immortal words were not spoken to a few, but to all the world alike.

May it be the ambition of the youth of Kentucky to so strive as to be pre-eminent in the friendly race for distinction; may it be theirs to aspire to that glory which will follow them from this vain planet to that heavenly palace of love and beauty; there—in the presence of a universe of angels to be crowned with that immortal wreath which shall never wither nor fade.

What an inspiration to him longing with the grand ambition to enter the powerful arena of the State, that he must regard from the beginning to the end the divine voice of his own soul! What a future before him who heeds its warnings! His noble work is just begun, for which he, amid trials, disappointments and dissensions has so manfully striven to stem the torrent. And when the history of that youth shall end, when his struggling form shall have succumbed to grim death—surely it will not be written of him that he was a physical hero, dying unwept, unhonored, unsung,—but that he entered a Nation's conflict, already born, and as palid as the struggle for life—the contest for *conscience, intelligence and morality*.

Had it not been for that grand and ennobling spirit so manifest in the soul of the pioneer settlers of this State, Kentucky to-day would probably be as backward as some of the States of the Far West. The beautiful pastures, the close-cropped meadows, and the vast blue grass fields of our own fair land would probably yet be told of only in song and poetry as a land of the dreams and fancies. That it is in reality; and though it may be said to have been nature's own Paradise in the beginning, yet it was her people, full of surprise and ambition, who raised it to that high level which it proudly commands to-day. The foreigner reads, doubtfully, of her fertile plains, here and there broken by the rise of a majestic hill; of the extensive velvety lawns which beautify the homes of most Kentuckians, of the wild romantic scenery which often bursts forth full in the view of the weary traveller; of a people as plain, hospitable, brave and good as any upon which the powerful sun has ever shone, so firmly bound to the heart of "Old Kentucky."

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And when for the last time that magnificent planetary system shall cease to brighten the lofty heavens; when that fairest of all stars shall cease to rise with its painted blushes; when all mankind shall have lost this earthly lust and be to each other as brother to brother; when we have grown old, shall as others are now, be laid under the "sod and the dew;"—then, and not until then, will that great ennobling passion of contention, so deeply seated in every soul, know and submit to its doom.

Then we may lay aside

The cares that infest the day,
That the soul that invests the
body

May silently steal away.

OPEN SESSION.

Given by the Union Literary Society in honor of Washington's Birthday, Monday, February 22d.

The following is the account given by the Press of the best attended and most highly entertaining programme ever furnished by either society in our college:

The open session given in the State College Chapel last night by the Union Literary Society was attended by one of the largest crowds ever assembled in that spacious hall. Long before the appointed time for the exercises of the evening to begin the chapel was crowded to its utmost capacity, all the available space being used, but still crowds came only to find it impossible even to approach the door, and to have to return home.

The young ladies from Hamilton were out to the number of one hundred, and thereby encouraged the speakers by their bright and intelligent faces to exert themselves to do their best.

There were over one thousand persons present representing the beauty, chivalry and intelligence of Lexington.

At eight o'clock prompt, Trost's orchestra began to play

one of its favorite overtures, "Black Queen," which was immediately followed by a march, "Maggie Nugget," during which the orators of the evening were ushered in.

Dr. Southgate, pastor of the Hill Street Church, opened the exercises of the evening by prayer, after which the band played a selection by Suply. At the close of the music, Mr. L. H. Mulligan, president, arose and introduced Mr. F. C. Elkin as the first orator of the evening.

Mr. Elkin chose for his theme "The wreath is for Those Who Contend," and his treatment of the subject showed that it was not the product of an ordinary mind, and that its author had given it thought and study. The periods were well rounded and smoothly connected. His voice was clear, enunciation perfect and gestures good.

The band next played the "Bohemian Girl," after which Mr. B. T. Southgate was introduced as the second orator.

Mr. Southgate took for the subject of his oration "A Character Study—Washington," and handled his subject well, showing a very intimate knowledge of the life, both public and private, of the Father of his Country.

President Patterson next, at the close of the piece following Mr. Southgate's oration, in a very enlogistic speech introduced Gen. S. E. Hill, who delivered a most excellent address filled with good humor and timely advice.

Next upon the programme was that very interesting feature of every such occasion, the Society Paper. This paper, denominated The Student, was read by Mr. J. Gee Maxey, better known as Judge Maxey. It was well written, racy and abounded in spicy college jokes.

The entire programme was splendid and each of the performers was heartily applauded in his turn and received many flowers and some books and fruit.

The audience was dismissed by a benediction by Dr. Southgate, and all took their departure highly pleased with the evening's exercises.

The continuation of the article on "Pleasures and Pains of Teaching," we were compelled to leave out of this issue. The Cadet is copying this article from the School Journal, and the latter paper happens to be published this month about two weeks later than ours. While we regret that we cannot furnish our readers with it in this issue, we shall endeavor not to disappoint them next month.

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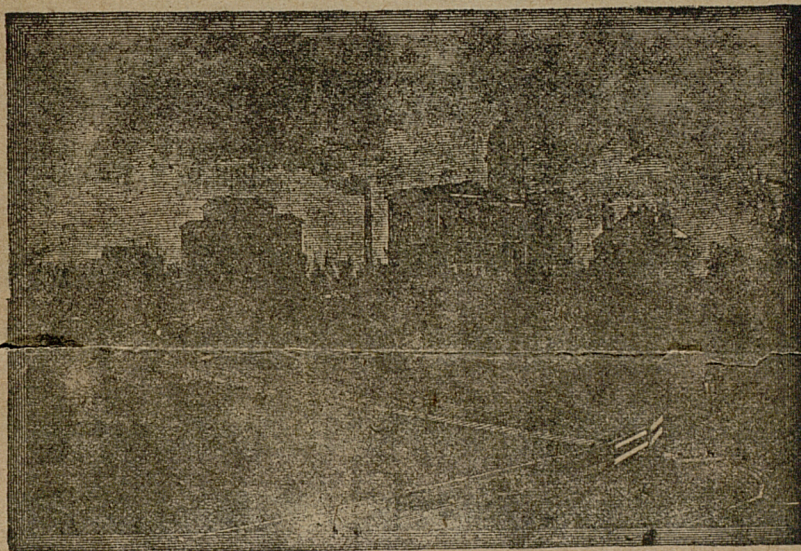
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We offer no apology for devoting so much of this issue to society work in the college and to the numerous entertainments that have taken place during the present month. The Cadet is in full sympathy with each and all literary and social movements having for their object the refinement and culture of the students, and we want it fully understood that our columns are always at their command. Next month the Patterson holds its annual open session and we shall most cheerfully grant them all the space they desire. There has been no purpose to give any special prominence to the Union, the only point being that the 22d of February comes before the 26th of March. Again, the reception given us by the ladies of the different churches, at the Y. M. C. A. hall, and afterwards that on the part of the professors, were occasions long to be remembered and will deserve even fuller mention than we have made of them. All our joys appear to be crowding into a single month. It seems that pleasures, like misfortunes "come not single spies, but in battallions."

Last, but by no means least, comes the visitation on the part of the Legislative Committee.

The facts are given as well as we could learn them, and make a very favorable showing for the college.

OUR SUPPORTERS.

There are quite a number of students, non-subscribers, who are among the first to call for a CADET as soon as it is printed. But these same good fellows have never left a red cent in return for their papers, nor even asked if there were any charges. They seem to think that papers, that is college papers, are written and printed without money, work or time, and so they are, as far as these generous individuals are concerned. Now, friends, for you are our friends, because you never fail to call on us once a month, we beg leave to differ with you on the question of printing papers.

It takes money, work, time, patience and religion to run a paper, and especially does it require lots of religion; for, having some little experience in the matter, we venture the assertion that there is not a Y. M. C. A. man in the college who could solicit ads., or better, beg ads. a single day without coming back at night (if he got back at all), well versed in the use of "blue" adjectives and with a black eye. One must be at once both saint and sinner, for he is bound to pray to get ads. and to get the paper printed when he wants it done, and it is equally necessary to fight to save his life, which is not much after he has saved it.

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WASHINGTON—A CHARACTER STUDY,

It would ill accord with the character of the man whose memory we are met to honor to-night, to indulge in ardent flights of Rhetoric, even were such at my command. A careful study of the life and work of Washington will show that he accomplished what no other of his contemporaries could have done. His character and genius seem to have been moulded by an over-ruling Providence for the very difficulties that were to be met. He was gifted with no such startling military genius as that of Napoleon; with no such overwhelming eloquence as that of Patrick Henry; with no such subtle mastery of the art of diplomacy as that of Talleyrand—and yet he was immeasurably greater than them all.

Far above the selfish, ambitious and degrading vices that have marred the lives of so many of the World's greatest men, he remains an example for the remotest ages.

"Where may the wearied eye repose,
When gazing on the great,
Where neither guilty glory glows,
Nor despicable state?
Yes—one—the first, the last—the best,
The Cincinnatus of the West,
Whom envy dared not hate
Bequeathed the name of Washington
To make man blush there was but one."

The character of his greatness has been much mistaken. Had he accomplished the Independence of his country and founded a Federal Republic which should secure to every citizen freedom and safety,—had he done this with every circumstance in his favor, it were enough to cover his name with immortal glory; but who shall measure the towering supremacy of his greatness when we realize that the obstacles in his way were all but impassible; that the difficulties were all but unconquerable. There seems to be a prevalent idea that all was patriotism, bravery and enthusiasm when Washington took command of the Colonial armies at Cambridge. What a dire contrast will the real conditions show! He found a few thousand untrained soldiers poorly clothed and sheltered; suffering from cold and sickness; discouraged by defeat; and all tired of war and longing for the comfort of their own homes. This brief description will serve for nearly all the eight long, dreary years of the war—only we must add—that terrible despondency which from time to time hung over the patriot host like a pall whose blackness could not be penetrated. But this was not all. Far from imitating his own unselfish devotion to his country's cause, we find the officers of his army continually engaged in jealous strife for place, and bitter sectional contentions of all kinds. Often the heart of the great chieftain was well nigh sunk in despair when all his efforts to secure harmonious co-operation were in vain. But in every difficulty, in the darkest moments of danger and defeat the majesty of his exalted character is supremely triumphant. At times we find him giving way for a moment to the latent ardor of his nature, hidden as it usually was by the noble gravity and calmness of his manner. When Arnold, whom he had loved and trusted, was discovered in his foul plot to betray West Point and capture the General himself, he submitted to the blow as bravely as he had done to the lesser trials and hardships which had been his lot ever since he left his peaceful home on the Potomac and cast his fortune with the patriot army at Boston. He did indeed give way for a time to the unutterable grief of the surprise and weep out the sorrow of his heart on the bosom of a friend—but when he appeared before his council an



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hour later, the tempest had subsided and his calm, thoughtful face showed no sign of the bitter pain he had suffered.

The difficulties of the war brought to light the virtues and talents which have given him the first place in the hearts of his countrymen forever—the patience, prudence, and the untarnished integrity which in the end gave him victory over every obstacle and enemy. Of his generalship there can be no question. The orderly retreat from New York through the Jerseys—the sudden turn and brilliant stroke at Trenton and the subsequent actions at Morristown and Princeton prove beyond a doubt that he was a great general. But his claims to our immortal veneration and love, rest, not upon any military skill but upon the grandeur and force of the character of the man—which after all, is the only explanation of his success in the cause to which he had devoted himself.

But laying aside the war with its untold trials, perplexities and hardships, and his ultimate victory over them all, and the achievement of his country's liberty, the measure of his glory is not yet complete.

When the war was over, and he had resigned to Congress his commission as commander of its armies, he returned to Mt. Vernon; hoping there to spend the remainder of his life in the peaceful enjoyment of the pursuits which had always been dear to his heart. But his work was not yet finished. Great men must consent to sacrifice more to the good of humanity than is demanded of those of lesser talents and abilities. When the Federal Constitution was adopted, he who had torn the Nation from the tyrant's grasp was chosen by the universal consent of a grateful people, to guard its liberties and direct its councils. He accepted the honor with the greatest reluctance. Always diffident of his abilities he felt that the task was too great for his strength, but he started for the seat of government, determined that no sacrifice of comfort and convenience should prevent him from performing every duty imposed by his fellow citizens. As President, he had, if possible, more difficulties to encounter, than as commander of the armies.

Here is the grandeur of the man displayed to best advantage. The jealousies and contentions of the officers of his army were nothing to compare with the discord of warring factions and opposing parties which now beset him on every hand. Even the members of his own cabinet on whom he leaned for support in the great task of launching the new-built vessel and guiding it through the shoals and whirl-

pools and away from the hidden rocks which have been wrecking the nations throughout the ages—even these, most loved and trusted—often made his life a burden by their dissension and discord. Nothing would have triumphed amid these difficulties but *his genius* and *his patience*. None of those who censured his policies or criticised his parts could have achieved his successes. None but Washington could have freed America and no other could have launched her upon a prosperous career. Daniel Webster standing before the new built monument at Bunker Hill, and speaking to more than forty thousand men, under the inspiration of the memories called up by the occasion, paid this noble tribute to the hero of American Independence.

"America has furnished to the World, the character of Washington, and if our American institutions had done nothing more that alone would entitle them to the respect of mankind. Washington is all our own."

Then in the passion of his eloquence the orator turned toward the mighty monument which lifted its majestic head toward the blue sky above him:

"The structure before us is no unfit emblem of his character. His public virtues and public principles were as firm as the soil on which it rests; his personal motives were as pure as the serene heaven in which its summit is lost. But indeed, though a fit, it is an inadequate emblem. Towering high above the column which our hands have builded, beheld not by the inhabitants of a single city or a single state, but by all the families of man, ascends the colossal grandeur of the character of Washington. In all the constituents of the one, in all the acts of the other, in all its titles to immortal veneration and renown, it is an American production. Living from infancy to manhood and age amidst our expanding but not luxuriant civilization, partaking of our great destiny of labor; our long contest with unreclaimed nature and uncivilized man; our agony of glory, the war of Independence; the victory of peace and the establishment of the Constitution, he is *all*—all, our own, Washington is ours! That crowded and glorious life!

"Where multitudes of virtues passed along
Each pressing foremost in the mighty
throng,
Ambitious to be seen, then making
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After the expiration of his second term as President of the United States, feeling that he was now entitled to the rest for which his heart had yearned through the long years of the war and the longer and more bitter years of strife with contend-

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ing policies, he refused the proposed nomination for a third term of office, and turned toward his home on the Potomac to forget the trials and suspicions of public life in its grateful quiet and retirement. But even now his ever anxious care for the child of his love—the Infant Republic—occupies his attention. His letters to the Governors and to Congress show that he was seeking to guard the country from the threatening evils with all a father's love. For a brief space he was left to the enjoyment of his chosen pursuits, but his country once more needed his aid, and, as ever, ready to obey the call of duty, he left the home which was particularly dear to his gathering age, to take command of the armies raised for the expected war with France. However, the war was averted; and as soon as peace was certain Washington resigned his last command, and, for the last time, proceeded to the peaceful surroundings of Mt. Vernon. Within a few months from this time, he took a severe cold while riding over his farm. The end came swiftly. Before another week, the whole country knew that Washington was dead. Though a private citizen at the time of his death, the event was regarded as the greatest public calamity. The man who had freed the nation from the tyrant, and guarded it from evils worse than slavery; who had commanded its armies and directed its councils—Washington—was no more.

"Ulysses had gone upon his wanderings,
And none at Ithica could bend his bow."

No one has ever taken his place—none ever can. Says Green, the English historian: "No nobler figure ever stood in the fore-front of a Nation's destiny." Americans in all succeeding ages will point with pride to the history of his life—a story of devoted patriotism and unselfish service of country; of virtue pure and unspotted; of greatness far exceeding any recorded on the pages of history. Then—whatever may be the fate of America—whether she be in the enjoyment of the blessings of the liberty which he won for her; or whether she be languishing in the loathsome chains of a tyranny produced by the evils against which he warned her,—his influence and his glory will still survive, fresh in eternal youth, exempt from mutability and decay immortal as the great principles of liberty with which his name is linked forever.

OUR LEGISLATIVE VISITORS.

On February 15 the College was honored by a visit from the Senate Education Committee, and the A. & M. College Committee of the House. The gentlemen arrived on an evening train and were taken to the President's office, where they were received and entertained by the Monday Club. There were present of the Senate Committee, Senator McCain, of Trimble County; Chairman of the Committee; and Senator Stewart, of Floyd county; of the House Committee; Representative McDowell Ferguson, of Ballard county, Chairman; Representatives Reed, of Grant; Hutcheson, of Butler, and Edmiston, Porter, of Webster. There were also present Representative Cullom, of Hancock, and Senator Mulligan, of Fayette, and Col. Gibson and Mr. May, of Lexington. The gentlemen visited the Mechanical Hall, which was brilliantly illuminated with electricity, and after inspecting it thoroughly and expressing great satisfaction with it, they returned to the President's office, where speech-making was next in order.

President Patterson gave them welcome, warm and cordial. Senator McCain responded, and then addresses were made by Messrs. Stewart, Cullom, Mulligan, Ferguson and Gibson. The usual Monday Club lunch was served, and after a very pleasant, social time there was an informal adjournment.

On Tuesday morning the Committees organized in the President's offices, Senator McCain as Chairman of the joint body, and Representative Porter as Secretary. Senator Roberts, of Madison, and Representative Gay, of Clark, were present, in addition to those who were here on the preceding night. The joint body, having resolved to write to President Patterson from Frankfort, before making their report, to ask of him certain specific information, then proceeded to inspect the College thoroughly. They first visited the big Grammar Class of the Normal Department, in the Principal's room, and then went in turn, through the Departments of Botany, Zoology, Chemistry

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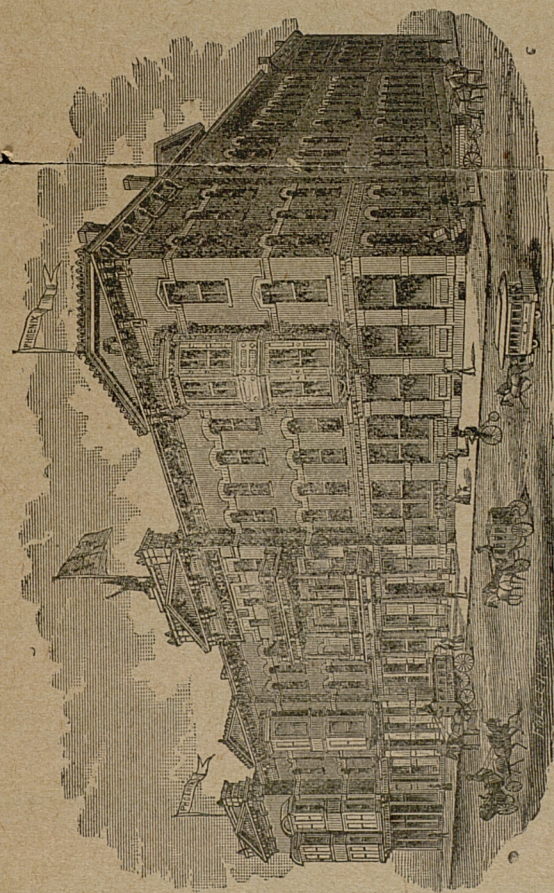
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and the Laboratories. Upon returning to the main building, they visited the rooms of Profs. White, W. K. Patterson, Neville, Helveti, Logan and Davis. They then repaired again to the Mechanical Hall, where by this time the students were busy with their work. The Mechanical Hall impressed them deeply with the importance and value of the work done there.

At Chapel there was more speech-making and assurances of cordial good will. The Battalion was next inspected, and then our visitors had an opportunity to see what fare is furnished the students, for dinner was served to them in the Mess Hall.

After dinner carriages were found in waiting to take them to the Farm where the property of the state was shown them, and they were told of the work of the Station. After driving back to town the gentlemen went to the fine horse sale at the Fair Grounds, and then dined with Capt. May at 5 p. m.

We, as students and Faculty, have thoroughly enjoyed this visit, and are now ready to receive the whole Legislature, which we understand will be here to inspect us on the 26th.

RECEPTION BY THE FACULTY.

The entertainment given by the Faculty to the students of the college last Friday evening was everything that the most fastidious could desire. No efforts were spared in the arrangements to make the occasion one of unalloyed pleasure. The esthetic tastes as well as the

gastronomic pleasures of the students were delightfully attended to. Three days before the entertainment the task of decorating the commodious chapel was begun. Around the rostrum in folds were hung the college colors, dark-blue and light-yellow, while in front was suspended the stars and stripes, the handsome new flag of the battalion. The chandeliers were festooned with cedar, and the rear part of the chapel was fenced off by eight small posts set up in a crescent shape and extending from door to door, upon which two ropes of cedar were stretched, thus giving a place in the rear part of the room for the tables. Refreshments of all kinds were served in abundance. The entertainment began at 8 o'clock, and the crowd left the enjoyable scene about 11, feeling that it was an occasion long to be remembered with pleasure. Special praise is due Prof. Kastle for his energetic supervision of the arrangements. The Professor is ever ready to do anything in his power to increase the enjoyment of the students.

NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

There are now 146 matriculates on the register of the Normal.

New books are being added to the Normal Library all the time. The very best papers and magazines are found on the reading table.

The Normal Grammar class numbers seventy-five, and is filled with earnest seekers after something more than rules and exceptions.

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Students who have observed closely the workings of the school for some years, must be agreeably surprised at the scarcity of faculty meetings under the present discipline. I am sorry to say that I spent two years of dormitory life under a system that made the observance of an almost infinite number of petty, arbitrary rules and regulations (in reference to roll-calls and other such

trifling matters) of far more importance than gentlemanly behavior—a system, I am ashamed to say, that regarded absence from inspection as far worse than profanity at the table or heathenish conduct in the dining halls. Now no such an unnatural discipline is observed. A boy is treated like a gentleman, and taught to consider honorable conduct and cheerful obedience to reasonable orders a duty and a pleasure. He is not looked upon as a convict, but as a man who has sense enough to know what is right and manliness enough to do it. If every military officer knew as well as Col. Clay the very important distinction between firm government and tyranny, and the equally important difference between good conduct and obedience to unimportant orders, the life of a cadet might be both more pleasant and more worthy.

The Literary Societies are flourishing. There are three sections, and they discuss earnestly and intelligently, live questions. The questions for debate this term are along the line of Civics. The subjects for essays and reports are historical, biographical and literary. The Normal Friday night literary work constitutes a regular course.

PHOTOS.

Mr. Johns, No. 55, E. Main St., has on hand photos of several of our faculty which he proposes to sell to the students at a low price. He will try to finish up the list soon. State College students who desire can purchase a photo of any one or all of the faculty by calling on him.

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